

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Re:    Application of:        Swartz et al.  
      Serial No.            To be assigned  
      Filed:                Herewith  
      For:                   System and Method for Iconic Software  
                                Environment Management  
      Group Art Unit:        To be assigned  
      Examiner:            To be assigned  
      Our Docket:           1651-0001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification at page 1 as follows:

Before “Background and Summary of the Invention”, please add the following new paragraph:

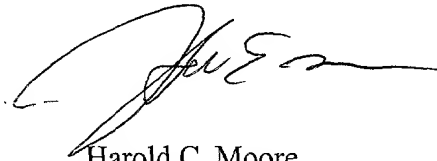
This is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/097,283, filed June 12, 1998.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 21-41, without prejudice.

It is respectfully submitted that no fees are due in connection with this amendment. However, please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 13-0014.

Respectfully submitted,

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